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SUBJECT: DIGGS' ATTACK ON U.S. SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY

1. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, AT WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, CRITICIZED SECRETARY FOR FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN INITIATIVES DIGGS ANNOUNCED THAT CAUCUS, "OUT OF GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT RAPIDLY DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DIRECTIONS OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN AREA," WILL CONVENE BLACK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON U.S.-AFRICA POLICY ON SEPTEMBER 24-25. PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE LEADERS OF PRINCIPAL BLACK NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOLARS, AND OTHER INFORMED INDIVIDUALS. PURPOSE OF MEETING IS "TO FORGE CONSENSUS ON APPROPRIATE U.S.-AFRICA POLICY."

2. DIGGS CHARGED PRESENT U.S. POLICY "MAY BE SETTING STAGE FOR WIDER, MORE VIOLENT ARMED STRUGGLE IN AFRICAN SUBCONTINENT." FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, BLACK CAUCUS OPPOSES FORTHCOMING KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING "UNLESS  
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CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET." HE SAID CAUCUS DOES NOT KNOW

SECRETARY'S "GRAND DESIGN FOR ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA" SINCE SECRETARY HAS NOT "FOUND TIME TO DISCUSS HIS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES WITH CAUCUS OR APPARENTLY EVEN WITH

HIS TOP AFRICAN SPECIALISTS IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ONCE AGAIN DR. KISSINGER HAS EMBARKED UPON KIND OF SECRET DIPLOMACY THAT MAY INVOLVE U.S. IN UNACCEPTABLE COMMITMENTS THAT COMPROMISE U.S. INTERESTS."

3. DIGGS SAID U.S. STRATEGY TO BRING MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE BOUND TO FAIL SINCE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION ARMY AND SWAPO "HAVE NEITHER BEEN INVOLVED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS NOR APPROVE OF THEM."

4. DIGGS, IN FIVE-PAGE STATEMENT, CLAIMED AFRICAN FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS ARE CRITICIZING KISSINGER INITIATIVES, AND THAT WHITE VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS ESCALATED SINCE KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING LAST JUNE. SOUTH AFRICA, HE MAINTAINED, HOLDS KEY TO ATTAINMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ACCELERATING PACE OF EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA "ARGUES AGAINST CONTINUED POSTPONEMENT OF INEVITABLE U.S. CONFRONTATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA," DIGGS SAID. "SOLE PURPOSE OF ZURICH MEETING OUGHT TO BE ARRANGEMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE TO ALL SEGMENTS OF POPULATION AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO DISMANTLING OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND RAPID TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE."

5. DIGGS SAID SECRETARY SHOULD MEET WITH WIDEST POSSIBLE SPECTRUM OF SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERSHIP, "PARTICULARLY AFRICAN POLITICAL DETAINEES," TO ANNOUNCE END OF ALL U.S.-SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATION IN ALL SECTORS UNTIL SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT IS ABOLISHED.

6. POINTING TO PHILADELPHIA SPEECH, DIGGS SAID SECRETARY MUST END "DEFERENTIAL TREATMENT" OF SOUTH AFRICA. SECRETARY HE SAID, CALLS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA BUT NOT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

7. WIRE SERVICES HAVE RUN STORIES ON DIGGS' PRESS  
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CONFERENCE, AND QUESTIONS ASKED AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, ESPECIALLY MATTER OF SECRETARY MEETING WITH BLACK CAUCUS. SPOKESMAN DID NOT ATTEMPT TO GIVE POINT-BY-POINT COMMENT ON QUESTIONS, BUT EMPHASIZED SECRETARY HAS GONE TO "EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS IN RECENT MONTHS TO MEET WITH BLACK LEADERSHIP AND CERTAINLY TO KEEP CONGRESS INFORMED." AS FOR DIGGS' ASSERTION THAT SECRETARY HAS NOT DISCUSSED HIS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES WITH DEPARTMENT'S TOP AFRICAN

SPECIALISTS, SPOKESMAN STATED "IT SEEMS TO ME THAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE AND UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS ARE CERTAINLY TWO OF KEY PEOPLE IN DEPARTMENT ON AFFAIRS IN AFRICA, AND THEY HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED -

AS HAS DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON." (IN MAKING HIS ASSERTION, DIGGS, DURING Q AND A AT PRESS CONFERENCE, HAD CITED ERROR ON PAGE 17 OF SECRETARY'S TEXT RE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE/NAMIBIA, AND ON PAGE 43 RE "AUTHORIZATION FROM CONGRESS" FOR CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.)

8. DIGGS' PRESS CONFERENCE HELD SHORTLY AFTER UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS BRIEFED SEVERAL CAUCUS MEMBERS (DIGGS, NIX, BURKE, DELLUMS). RANGEL AND COLLINS JOINED DIGGS AT PRESS CONFERENCE.

9. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT DIGGS AND SOME CAUCUS MEMBERS ARE MIFFED BECAUSE THEY VIEW SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH JESSE JACKSON AND LEON SULLIVAN AS END RUN IN ATTEMPT TO GET TO BLACK COMMUNITY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ELECTED BLACK REPRESENTATIVES. THEY FEEL CAUCUS SHOULD BE CHANNEL FOR DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH BLACK COMMUNITY ON AFRICAN ISSUES. SULLIVAN HAS STRONG GRASSROOTS SUPPORT AND BOTH HE AND JACKSON HAVE DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CLOUT. SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH THEM, AS WELL AS SPEECH BEFORE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, LOGICAL EXTENSION OF DISCUSSIONS INITIATED LAST YEAR WITH BLACK CAUCUS. AF AND H WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO DIGGS. ROBINSON

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